

APPENDIX H



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Ms. Audrey B. Asher
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Dear Ms. Asher:

In response to your inquiry of February 1, 2007, this is to confirm that the Department of the Interior did consider participation in the negotiations for the Hastings Ground Water Contamination Site, North Landfill Subsite, Nebraska, as requested in your letter of July 31, 2006, and does not intend to participate in the current referenced negotiations. The Department requests that the standard language reserving potential claims for natural resource damages be included in the final settlement document.

Thank you for keeping us apprised of the Environmental Protection Agency's actions relative to this site.

Sincerely,

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Natural Resource Damage Assessment and
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